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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Application as follows:

A system for locking a lid of a washing machine includes a sensor for generating an output signal associated with a spin speed of at least one of an agitation element and a basket, a lid lock solenoid for controlling operation of a lid lock, and a control circuit for energizing the lid lock solenoid based on the sensor output signal. ~~Systems and methods~~ A method for controlling locking of a lid of a washing machine lid are described. The washing machine includes having an agitation element and a basket. The method, in one example embodiment, ~~comprises~~ includes the steps of sensing a spin speed associated with a spin speed of at least one of the agitation element and the basket, and causing the lid to be locked when the sensed spin speed ~~exceed~~ exceeds a first predetermined speed.